

BARCROFT NEWS

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PROGRESS ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN: MARCH 1 MEETING WILL REVIEW AND REVISE THE DRAFT

Our February 1 meeting drew about 50 Barcrofters to comment on the draft of the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. It was a rousing success, and everyone present had an opportunity to speak. The range of ideas was considerable, and we have compiled the comments, along with others dropped through Randy Swart's door or telephoned to him, in a 22 page listing. Call Randy for a copy at 521-2080 if you would like to see all of the comments.

Our Focus Committee met twice to respond to the comments with draft revisions to propose to the March 1 meeting. Changes will be proposed throughout the document, but the major areas of concern were:

1. Traffic. Barcrofters do not want speeding cars in their neighborhood, particularly cut-through traffic between Arlington Boulevard and Columbia Pike. We do not want to inconvenience ourselves with speed bumps or nubs, but we need to find ways to cut down the speeding, and perhaps the number of cut-throughs. This affects the recommendations on Arlington Boulevard access, Columbia Pike & Buchanan, and stop signs or other measures on Buchanan and Wakefield. The Focus Committee has worked on this issue and will have recommendations on the requested revisions for the March 1 meeting.

2. Metro. Barcrofters do not want the intense development which would accompany a metro line on Columbia Pike. The Focus Committee will

recommend that the Plan emphasize instead the need for good metro bus connections with metro rail stations.

3. Access to Four Mile Run. There is disagreement on where access to Four Mile Run should be improved. Some favor 7th Street, some favor 8th Street and some oppose either or both. The Focus Committee may present alternatives for the meeting to consider.

4. Neighborhood Park on Arlington Hall Property. There are several suggestions for review of plans we have put forth for the park on the west side of George Mason Drive. The plan prepared by Barcroft architect Linda Titolo was intended as a conceptual drawing, rather than a finished design. The Focus Committee will probably recommend some changes in the location of gates for pedestrians and vehicles.

5. Sidewalks. Barcroft School PTA and many parents support stronger language on adding sidewalks on at least one side of the streets where children walk to school. On 7th & 8th Streets they support parking between Wakefield and Buchanan on only one side of the street unless sidewalks are installed, since the street is very narrow and children now must walk in the one center lane.

6. Dogs. A new paragraph will address chronic barking and cleaning up messes.

If these issues concern you, come to the meeting at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, at 7:30 PM on March 1, or let Randy Swart know.

SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM FOR BARCROFT?

BSCL Vice President Laurie Kelsch has been working on organizing a Safe House program to provide Barcroft children a place to find help if needed on the way to or from school. Arlington County has rejected the McGruff Safe House Program as "not cost effective" due to personnel constraints and the extensive police checks necessary to certify each safe house. Laurie is casting about for other ideas, and would like to hear from you at 920-9429. There will be a meeting of Barcrofters interested in a Safe House program on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 PM at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street.

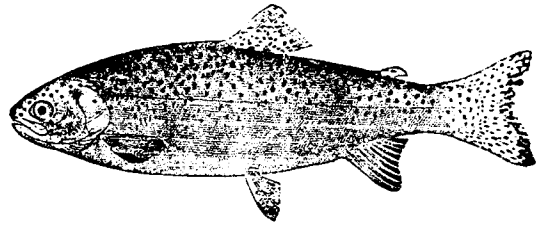
ZONING AND LAND USE ISSUES

No zoning or use permit requests for Barcroft properties were considered this month.

ON THE PIKE

Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization is a partnership of business and individual citizens interested in the revitalization of The Pike. CPRO needs support from individual members to balance its business participation. If you are personally interested in the revitalization of The Pike please support this worthy partnership by joining. Dues are \$10 per year, tax deductible. The County matches every dollar with two more, so your contribution counts triple! Send your dues to CPRO at 927 S Walter Reed Drive, #10, Arlington VA 22204.

CPRO is sponsoring a Celebration of the Arts day on the Pike on Saturday, March 3rd. The studios of the 30+ artists on the second floor of the Arlington Cinema building (Columbia Pike and Walter Reed) will be open for visits at no charge. CPRO is also sponsoring a concert by The Madison Ensembles, an Arlington string quartet, at 2:30 PM downstairs in the Cinema n' Drafthouse. There is a \$12.50 donation required for the concert. You can park free for both events at the 1st Virginia Bank parking lot on Walter Reed just south of The Pike behind Arlington Hardware.



SPRING TROUT SEASON OPENS MARCH 17TH STREAM CLEANUP DAY IS MARCH 10TH

The County Recreation Department will stock Four Mile Run with trout again this year from Bluemont Park down to Shirlington Road. Fishing for them starts at 9 AM on March 17. (You could fish in the morning and go to the Barcroft School Carnival for more fun afterwards.) There will be a stream cleanup day the week before on Saturday March 10. The volunteer labor on cleanup day saves the County enough to justify the cost of stocking the stream with fish, so if you enjoy the fishing you should think about pitching in on cleanup day. Call the Trout Hotline at 358-4400 for more info.

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MINIATURE GOLF COURSE MAY BE LOCATED IN PARK ON FOUR MILE RUN

The Arlington County Parks and Recreation Department called recently to check on Barcroft's reaction to a proposal to place a miniature golf course down Four Mile Run in Barcroft Park, which is just past George Mason Drive and before the tennis courts. We noted that members had not been polled on the subject but we did not expect a negative reaction. The new course would replace the Putt Putt golf course, an Arlington institution, which was closed last year to be converted to a new Ballston building.

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BARCROFT CRIME REPORT FOR JANUARY

Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred. The 900 block of S. George Mason Drive is the shopping center at the Columbia Pike corner, and it is evidently a poor place to leave your car with anything in it.

- 1/3 4700 8th St. S. Car previously stolen in New Jersey recovered.
- 1/4 900 S. Buchanan 77'Datsun stolen.
- 1/6 800 S. George Mason Person arrested for poss. of marijuana.
- 1/8 900 S. George Mason Person took jacket by force from another - then victim recovered it.
- 1/10 900 S. Buchanan Stereo stolen from car.
900 S. George Mason 79 Toyota recovered - stolen elsewhere.
- 1/11 600 S. Wakefield Fight between students-student assaulted another
- 1/13 4500 Arlington Blvd. Illegal weapon seized after traffic stop
900 S. George Mason Items stolen from auto.
- 1/15 900 S. Buchanan Subject seen entering a car. He then ran, dropping cassette tapes.
4800 Columbia Pike Vandalism to auto - car spray painted.
- 1/17 700 S. George Mason Fight during baseball game.
4300 Columbia Pike Apt. burgled. No forced entry, nothing taken.
- 1/18 4300 Columbia Pike Sunroof taken from 85 Nissan.
4700 Arlington Blvd. 82 Toyota recovered - stolen elsewhere.
- 1/27 900 S. Buchanan Woman on bike trail grabbed in crotch area by W/H/M.
900 S. George Mason Person assaulted after argument.
- 1/28 900 S. Buchanan Items stolen from auto.
900 S. George Mason Vandalism to auto - window broken.
- 1/29 900 S. Buchanan Stereo and items stolen from car.

A person who is aware of what is going on around them is less likely to become a crime victim. If you see someone who doesn't belong on your block, call the police at 558-2222 to investigate.



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**UPDATE ON BARCROFT SCHOOL'S
RENOVATION/ADDITION**

The Barcroft School Building Planning Committee consisting of staff, PTA representatives and community members met for the third time in January. The committee has been working with Arlington School's Facilities Planner, Jim Wilson, to develop educational specifications for Barcroft.

At this point the architectural firm, Helbing Lipp, Ltd., is in the process of drawing up preliminary plans to be submitted to the school board and the state for approval. This is the final step that can be taken before the scheduled School Bond Referendum in November 1990. Funding to finance the proposed addition to Barcroft will come from this school bond.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE MESSAGES ON THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE: 521-1116. THE NEIGHBORLINE IS NOW LISTED IN THE NEW 1990 PHONE BOOK. CALL RANDY SWART AT HOME TO LIST ANYTHING ON THE LINE.

FOOD COURSE COMING UP AT LUBBER RUN


The County has some nifty food courses at Lubber Run Center on North Park Drive. On March 19 (register before March 12) there will be a two hour course on bread making. April 2nd there will be a course on pastries (register by March 26). After your course you can bake goodies for BSCL meetings! Call 358-4727 for further info on either course. Each one costs \$5 plus a small fee for supplies.

THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY

The U.S. census will be taken on April 1. You will receive a questionnaire. Everyone counts, so do fill it in. The results are completely confidential--even from other government agencies. Right. The good news is that your descendants will be able to find you for their family tree research in the year 3000 based on your name in the 1990 census that says you lived in Barcroft. So get your pencil ready.

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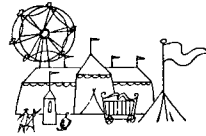
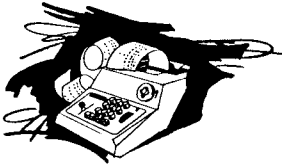
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**BARCROFT SCHOOL STILL NEEDS YOUR CASH
REGISTER RECEIPTS FROM GIANT OR SAFEWAY**

GIANT RECEIPTS NEEDED BEFORE MARCH 31!

Barcroft Elementary School already has saved enough cash register tapes for their first Apple computer from Giant, and is well on the way to an IBM from Safeway! The PTA thanks all our wonderful Barcroft neighbors for your support. Remember, Giant's campaign closes March 31st, so get your receipts in to the school or to Nora Myers Rumpf at 4617 Third Street South well before the end of the month. Safeway's campaign closes on April 21st. If you need receipts picked up call Nora at 521-8634.



**BARCROFT SCHOOL CARNIVAL IS MARCH 17
CRAFTS NEEDED!**

Barcroft School's annual Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 10AM to 3 PM. There will be games, food, a fire engine to climb on, button-making, lollipop trees, a raffle, prizes, a cake walk and something new -- a craft table. If you're crafty and are willing to donate your handiwork, the PTA would be ever so grateful! We're raising money for lots of projects which enrich our children's education, including an expanded playground to accompany our expanded school. The PTA also needs donations of baked goods for the bake sale. Please call Nora Myers Rumpf at 521-8634 or Karen Rogers at 920-1845 if you can donate a craft or baked goodies. And get ready for some fun and games at the carnival!

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FIRST Neighborhood Conservation Plan. The second meeting to mark up the
THURS. draft of our plan for what Barcroft should be in the 1990's. This
OF THE will be another of the year's biggest meetings! For info please
MONTH call Randy Swart at 521-2080 or see the story on page 1.

- Saturday 3rd CPRO concert, 2:30 PM, \$12.50, and open artist studios 11AM-4PM. Arl. Cinema bldg, Col. Pike and Walter Reed. Info 892-2776.
- Saturday 10th/17th Stream Cleanup for Trout Season on the 10th, fishing on the 17th. Adults need license to fish. Trout Hotline at 358-4400 for info.
- Tuesday 13th Safe House program meeting at Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, 7:30 PM. For info call Laurie Kelch at 920-9429.
- Saturday 17th Barcroft School Carnival. Moon bounce, lollipop trees, cake walk, raffle, bake sale, more! 625 S. Buchanan, 10AM-3PM. 521-8634.
- Fri-Sat 24 Arlingtones Barbarshop Chorus and Quartets. Thomas Jefferson 23-Community Center. Ticket info & show times 527-6195 or 536-3585.
- Monday 26th Book Discussion Group. 7:30PM. Read Roughing It by Mark Twain and discuss it at the Col. Pike Library. Info Barbara Swart 521-2080.

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When your Neighborhood Watch program was established the Police gave out orange stickers with 911 and their non-emergency number to place on your telephone. The 911 number is still the same, of course, but the non-emergency police and fire numbers were changed about two years ago. If your sticker shows two separate numbers for fire and police, it is out of date. Change it to show only 558-2222 for either police or fire. Or pick up a new one at the next Barcroft School and Civic League meeting. The 911 emergency number for police or fire has not changed.



**A NEW NEIGHBOR FROM AN
ACTIVE ARLINGTON FAMILY**

Barcroft has another interesting new neighbor. Welcome to Scott Allard of 4th St. S. who moved in January, 1990. A life-long resident of Arlington, (pretty much) Scott had been living on Columbia Pike. He was tired of renting and happy to find a home in Barcroft.

With a background in economics and electrical engineering, Scott works for a small consulting firm that takes on defense contracts up at Skyline.

Scott comes from a very, very long line of civic activists. How long a line you may wonder? Well, his great-great-great-great grandfather was Francis Scott Key. (Even Scott's first name is family history!) Scott reports that Francis Scott Key used to live down in Georgetown at the Key Bridge terminus. As the roads expanded, his house was dismantled and stored in the footings of the bridge in hopes of rebuilding it elsewhere. Unfortunately, it was not well protected. As homes in Georgetown deteriorated people scavenged for authentic bricks and beams to repair their property. The remains of the Key home are throughout Georgetown!

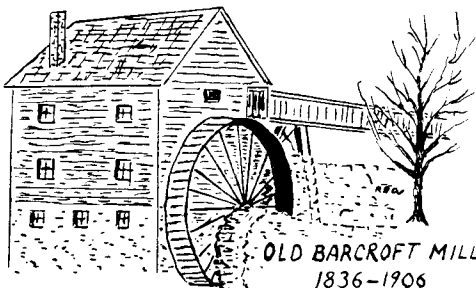
Scott's father was president of the Arlington Historical Society while his mother was always active with groups such as United Way. Several years ago Scott's brother lived in the oldest house in Arlington, known as the Balls-Sellers House in Glencarlyn. His brother paid very low rent to live in the newer part of the house but he also had to tolerate frequent visitors, spartan surroundings and a lot of upkeep! That house was once owned by Frank Ball of Ballston fame. It was later owned by a woman named Sellers who deeded the house to the Historical Society. Scott himself hopes to pursue his interests in historical appreciation and community activities.

He s off to a good start. Scott has already attended a BSCL meeting and says he was very impressed. He came to the February meeting, which indeed was

probably our best meeting ever. The large crowd was divided into 5 or 6 small groups who then discussed the Neighborhood Conservation plan. All comments were recorded. The large crowd reconvened and each group gave a report of the comments. Scott was impressed by the commonality of the comments. It was remarkable how often some issues were mentioned and how much general agreement there was. The areas of diverging opinions were also interesting but seemed to be relatively few.

Scott also happened to move in next door to one of Arlington's greatest movers and shakers--civic activist Ann Noll, our very best recruiter. Good luck Scott!

Congratulations to John August of Second Street South and his new bride Heidi Klein. Heidi and John were married on December 2nd and enjoyed Valentine's Day together in Barcroft.



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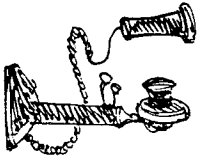
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